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NJMC Staff ‘Shadowed’ by Lyndhurst Students

LYNDHURST, N.J. – Punxsutawney Phil may have seen his shadow this Groundhog Day predicting six more weeks of winter, but a different kind of shadow was cast at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, where a dozen Lyndhurst High School students “shadowed” several NJMC employees during Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

“Educational outreach is an important investment to ensure the Meadowlands thrives in the future,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “The students who visited us have first-hand experience of what happens here on a day-to-day basis and what our staff does to ensure the recovery of the Meadowlands. Hopefully, some of these students will take what they learned today as the inspiration to pursue careers in science or environmental-related fields.”

During the workday, the students followed workplace mentors at the Meadowlands Environment Center, scientists from the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute and engineers and analysts who maintain the Geographic Information System.

“We got to understand what the Meadowlands Environment Center really is,” said Lyndhurst High School senior Ricardo Montiel. “We got to understand that they don’t just study the environment here, they help it.”

Groundhog Job Shadow Day is in its ninth year gives students the chance to “shadow” a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a day on the job. This provides young people nationwide with an up-close look at how skills learned in school are put to use in the workplace.

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